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Lava Beds National Monument Hosts ACE Crew and Volunteers for National Public Lands Day

Tulelake, CA – On Saturday, September 26, Lava Beds National Monument participated in National Public Lands Day and hosted ten volunteers, including an American Conservation Experience (ACE) Crew.

Volunteers painted picnic tables and cleaned up the trails at Captain Jacks Stronghold in the morning, and picked up trash in several caves in the afternoon.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort on public lands, with over 175,000 volunteers at more than 2,100 sites, and it's one of the nine National Park Service fee-free days for 2015. The next and final fee-free day for 2015 is on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

From September 23rd through September 30th, Lava Beds National Monument also hosted an ACE Crew, which consisted of nine people from five countries. The crew completed several projects at the monument, including brush and trail work, trash pick-up, re-vegetation plantings, cave cleaning, and the removal of old fencing on Gillem Bluff. Over the course of the week, each crew member completed 60 hours of volunteer work, for a total of 540 volunteer hours. To learn more about ACE and the work that ACE crews do, visit http://www.usaconservation.org.

Lava Beds National Monument thanks all volunteers for their contributions to the park throughout the year. To learn more about volunteering at Lava Beds National Monument or the Tule Lake Unit, contact the Lava Beds National Monument Visitor Center at (530) 667-8113.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic.

Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.